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SUBJECT: GDR JOINS PROTEST AGAINST FRG ENVIRONMENTAL
OFFICE IN BERLIN

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SUMMARY: FRG BONN GROUP REPS HAVE PASSED US TEXT OF
NOVEMBER 6 GDR NOTE ADDRESSED TO FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY
PROTESTING POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRG ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN. THE NOTE CLOSELY FOLLOWS
SOVIET ORAL STATEMENT DELIVERED TO ALLIES IN MOSCOW
OCTOBER 29. OUR FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACTS TELL US FRG WILL
DELAY ANSWERING IT UNTIL ALLIED RESPONSE TO SOVIETS HAS
BEEN MADE. END SUMMARY.

1. AT NOVEMBER 6 BONN GROUP MEETING FONOFF REPS PASSED
TO ALLIES COPIES OF A NOTE RECEIVED FROM THE GDR MFA
SAME DAY. THE NOTE, WHICH MADE MANY OF THE SAME POINTS
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NOTED IN OCTOBER 29 SOVIET STATEMENT TO ALLIES IN MOSCOW

(REFTEL), URGES THE FRG TO ABANDON PLANS TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH AN ACT WOULD VIOLATE THE "LETTER AND SPIRIT" OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT.

2. AFTER A FORMAL OPENING, THE TEXT OF THE GDR NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS: ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG CONTINUES UNCHANGED IN ITS AIM TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS IT HAS BEEN PLANNING OUTSIDE THE SOVEREIGN TERRITORY OF THE FRG. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR RECALLS IN THIS CONNECTION THE PROTEST IT DELIVERED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1973, IN WHICH THE POINT WAS EMPHATICALLY MADE THAT SUCH A STEP WOULD CONTRADICT THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971. THE REPLY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG ON OCTOBER 23, 1973 IN NO WAY SETTLED THE ISSUE. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OF THE FRG IN BERLIN (WEST) STANDS IN CLEAR CONTRADICTION TO THE BASIS OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO WHICH BERLIN (WEST) IS NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND MAY NOT BE GOVERNED BY IT. THE ESTABLISHMENT (OF SUCH AN OFFICE) WOULD CONTRADICT THE UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL PRESENCE IN BERLIN (WEST) AND RUN COUNTER TO THE CONVICTION THAT THE EXISTING SITUATION MAY NOT BE UNILATERALLY ALTERED. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR CALLS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG THAT MATTERS WHICH CONCERN THE RELATIONSHIP OF BERLIN (WEST) TO ITS ENVIRONMENT CAN ONLY BE REGULATED BETWEEN THE SENAT OF BERLIN (WEST) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR. THE ENVISIONED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE OF THE FRG IN BERLIN (WEST) WOULD BRING INTO QUESTION AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED WITH THE GDR IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR THEREFORE ONCE AGAIN EMPHATICALLY DEMANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG, CONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING (QUADRIpartite) AGREEMENT AND ACCORDS, AND IN THE INTEREST OF NORMALIZING THE SITUATION, DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

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THIS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY IN BERLIN (WEST). OTHERWISE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG MUST BEAR SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A STEP. (FORMAL CLOSE) (SIGNED) MITDANK. END TEXT.

4. IN COMMENTING ON THE NOTE, THE FRG REP (KASTRUP) SAID HE BELIEVED THE CHANCELLERY WOULD DECIDE WHO WOULD REPLY TO IT (HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EITHER THE CHANCELLERY

ITSELF OR THE MINISTRY FOR INNER-GERMAN AFFAIRS).
KASTRUP SAID THE REPLY WOULD PROBABLY CLOSELY FOLLOW THE
LINES OF EVENTUAL ALLIED RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET ORAL
STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 29. KASTRUP ALSO BELIEVED FRG RE-
SPONSE WOULD COME AFTER ALLIES ANSWER SOVIET STATEMENT.
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